

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 747

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of George Leonard Bilbrey
of Jamestown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of George Leonard Bilbrey; and

WHEREAS, George Bilbrey was an exemplary public servant and consummate
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late John Morgan and Francis Dunavin Bilbrey, Mr. Bilbrey
was born in Cookeville on February 2, 1936; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Fentress County, George Bilbrey was a well-
respected member of the Jamestown community, having enriched the lives of all he
encountered; and

WHEREAS, for more than fifty years, Mr. Bilbrey served with acumen and alacrity as the
funeral director and embalmer at Mundy Funeral Home, in which position he earned the respect
of families throughout the area for the exemplary and professional quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, George Bilbrey was the longest-serving elected
official in Fentress County history, having served as a county commissioner since the 1970s;
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bilbrey also served Fentress County as a fireman, an auxiliary police
member, and a member of the Ambulance Committee and E-911 Board; and

WHEREAS, before the establishment of the Fentress County Ambulance Service, Mr.
Bilbrey joined other individuals from the Freeman's and Jamestown Funeral Homes to perform
emergency services and transportation as the county's ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, a Mason and Shriner, George Bilbrey was dedicated to a number of charitable endeavors, and he was instrumental in establishing the first Christmas Shopping Spree, which benefited the Love Haven Orphans' Home in Fentress County; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Bilbrey was a member of the Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, George Bilbrey will be fondly remembered by his loving wife of sixty years, Betty Bilbrey; his daughter, Karen Cooper; his son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Angela Bilbrey; his grandchildren, Kady, Jillian, Geoff, Johnathan, Shelia, and Melissa; his great-grandchildren, Cooper, Harper, Tyler, Kellye, Jacob, Brooklyn, and Caitlyn; his great-great-granddaughter, Jaycie; his sisters-in-law, Ruth Cravens and Carolyn Bilbrey; his brother-in-law, John Mathis; his nieces and nephews, Kevin, Bob, Ed, Carol Ann, Rachel, Wayne, Tony, Douglas, Kristie, and Harriet; and his many friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bilbrey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of George Leonard Bilbrey, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bilbrey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.